



# HOPE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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*Dr. Paul H. Alexander, President*

March 18, 2020

Dear HIU Students,

In accordance with the recent order of the Orange County Health Officer, the Fullerton and Anaheim campuses will be closed effective immediately through March 31, 2020 @ 11:59pm, with the exception of facilitating distance learning and essential functions. The HIU emergency response team has put in place the following measures to help protect the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff:

## **Traditional Undergraduate Program Spring Break**

- The traditional undergraduate program Spring Break has been extended through Friday, March 27, 2020.

## **Transition to Online Learning**

- Traditional undergraduate classes will be taught online beginning Monday, March 30, 2020 through the rest of the semester. Please expect to receive additional information on the transition to the online learning format the week of March 23, 2020.

## **MFT Courses**

- Courses for Module 2 will begin next Monday, March 23, 2020 online in order to have a seamless beginning to your Module 2 courses and to not miss any time in the short 8-week courses.
- The current 16-week courses will resume Monday, March 30, 2020 to allow for faculty to build online course structure.
- Please expect additional information on the transition to the online learning from Dr. Steele and Dr. Hastings.

## **Residence Halls**

- If you currently aren't staying in the residence halls, please do not return to the residence halls until Thursday, April 1, 2020. We are continuing to monitor guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) and other agencies. We will let you know if the currently anticipated return date of Thursday, April 1, 2020 changes due to any updated guidance.
- We recognize that some students must remain in the residence halls during this time. For those students remaining in the residence halls through March 31, 2020, we strongly recommend practicing social distancing of at least 6 feet per person to the greatest extent possible.

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- For students that remain in the residence halls through March 31, 2020, a “grab and go” style of food service will be available beginning Monday, March 23, 2020. Please expect to receive additional information on the food service schedule this week.
- If you have any questions, please email Dr. Mark Comeaux at [mcomeaux@hiu.edu](mailto:mcomeaux@hiu.edu).

### **Student Workers**

- If you are a student worker, please do not report for work until you have checked with your direct supervisor regarding work schedules beginning April 1, 2020. You will receive compensation for your previously scheduled work shifts during the period of Monday, March 23, 2020 through Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

### **Mental Health**

- During this time of uncertainty, we recognize that our student community is facing significant and unforeseen circumstances and feelings over the concern for family and friends, disruption to the learning environment, the loss of an athletic season - just to name a few. Amidst all of this and more, we wanted you to know that you are deeply loved and that we are praying for you and your families without ceasing.
- Coping with stress in a healthy manner will make you, the people you care about, and our community stronger. We have the following resources at HIU to help you cope with the stress and anxiety you may be experiencing:
  - o Hope Counseling Center – (714) 879-3901 x 1266
  - o Joey Ross, Director of Campus Ministries – (714) 879-3901 x 1294 or [jaross@hiu.edu](mailto:jaross@hiu.edu)

Please also consider connecting with your local church for additional resources.

Please stay tuned for additional updates as the developments regarding COVID-19 continue to remain fluid.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” – 2 Timothy 1:7

Sincerely,



Dr. Paul H. Alexander